

AN ACT

relating to requiring the provision of notice by certain hospitals regarding patients' medical records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 241.103, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A hospital shall provide written notice to a patient, or a patient's legally authorized representative as that term is defined by Section 241.151, that the hospital, unless the exception in Subsection (c) applies, may authorize the disposal of medical records relating to the patient on or after the periods specified in this section. The notice shall be provided to the patient or the patient's legally authorized representative not later than the date on which the patient who is or will be the subject of a medical record is treated, except in an emergency treatment situation. In an emergency treatment situation, the notice shall be provided to the patient or the patient's legally authorized representative as soon as is reasonably practicable following the emergency treatment situation.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 118 was passed by the House on April 7, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 118 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor